

Williams Legislation: Facilities Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

- Program provides funds to decile 1 through 3 schools to address conditions that pose a threat to health or safety.
- Legislature has set aside \$206 million in Proposition 98 Reversion Account funding. The Governor's budget proposes an additional \$137 million for 2006-07.
- So far: less than \$250,000 has been distributed and only \$7 million in pending applications.
- Reimbursement structure is difficult for districts.

LAO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Fund District Grants to Address Identified Needs

- Distribute based on average daily attendance at deciles 1 through 3 schools.
- Require that funds be spent on needs identified through the William's facility review process.

Address New Emergencies Through Loan Program

- Set aside \$50 million in revolving loan fund to assist districts that face emergencies in the future.
- Districts pay back over three years from future ERP or deferred maintenance allocations, interest free.